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Read at Home

The Spaceship



Series created by Roderick Hunt and Alex Brychta



Tips for Reading Together

Children learn best when reading is fun.

- Talk about the title and the pictures on the cover.
- Look through the pictures together and discuss what you think the story might be about.
- Read the story together, inviting your child to read with you.
- Give lots of praise as your child reads with you, and help them when necessary.
- Try different ways of helping if they get stuck on a word. For example: refer to the picture, or read the first sound or syllable of the word, or read the whole sentence. Focus on the meaning.
- Have fun finding the hidden space bugs.
- Re-read the story later, encouraging your child to read as much of it as they can.

Children enjoy re-reading stories and this helps to build their confidence.

Have fun!

Find these 10 space bugs hidden in the pictures.



The Spaceship

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Floppy went to sleep and
he began to dream.



A spaceship landed.
"Wow!" said Kipper.
"A real spaceship!"



An alien came out.
"I am Zig," he said.
"And this is my dog, Zog."



"Let's go into space," said Zig.

"Oh yes!" said Kipper.

"Oh no!" said Floppy.



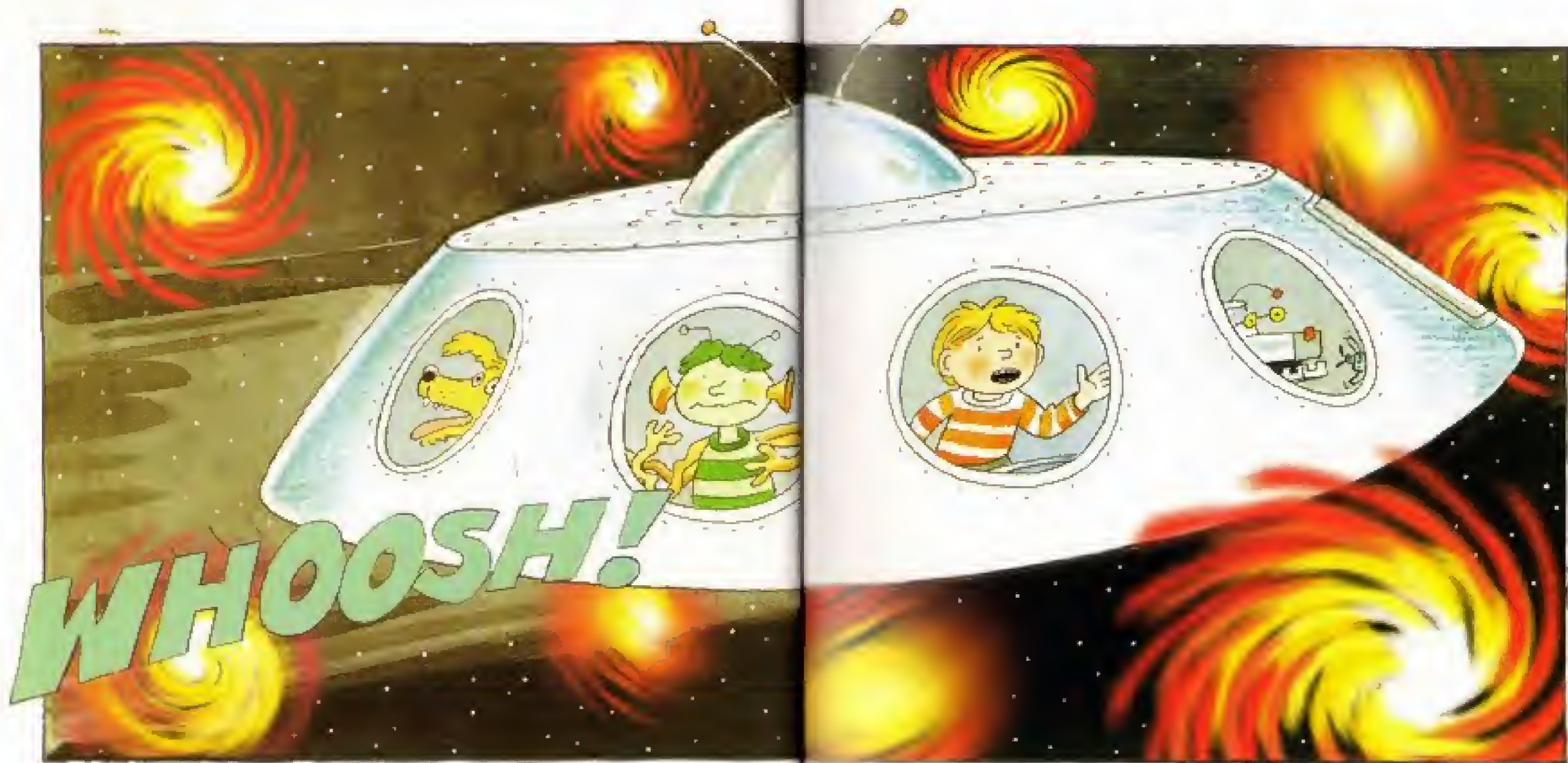
WHOOOSH! The spaceship
took off. It flew up into space.



“What’s that?” said Kipper.



“Oh no!” said Zig. “Fireballs!”



WHOOSH! Suddenly, there were fireballs all around them.

“Help!” said Zog.



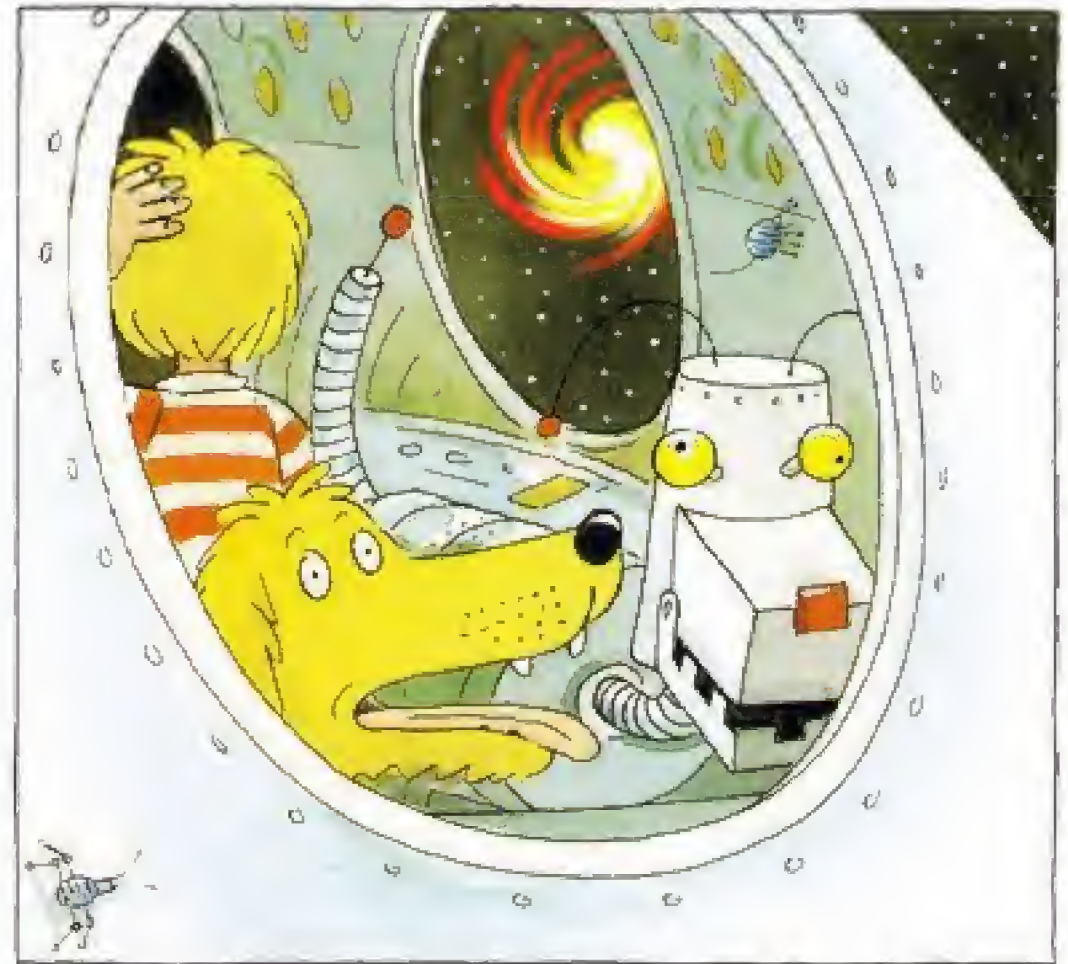
CRASH! A fireball hit them.
The spaceship began to
spin round.



Zig and Kipper bumped heads.
“Oh my head!” said Kipper.
“Oh my head!” said Zig.



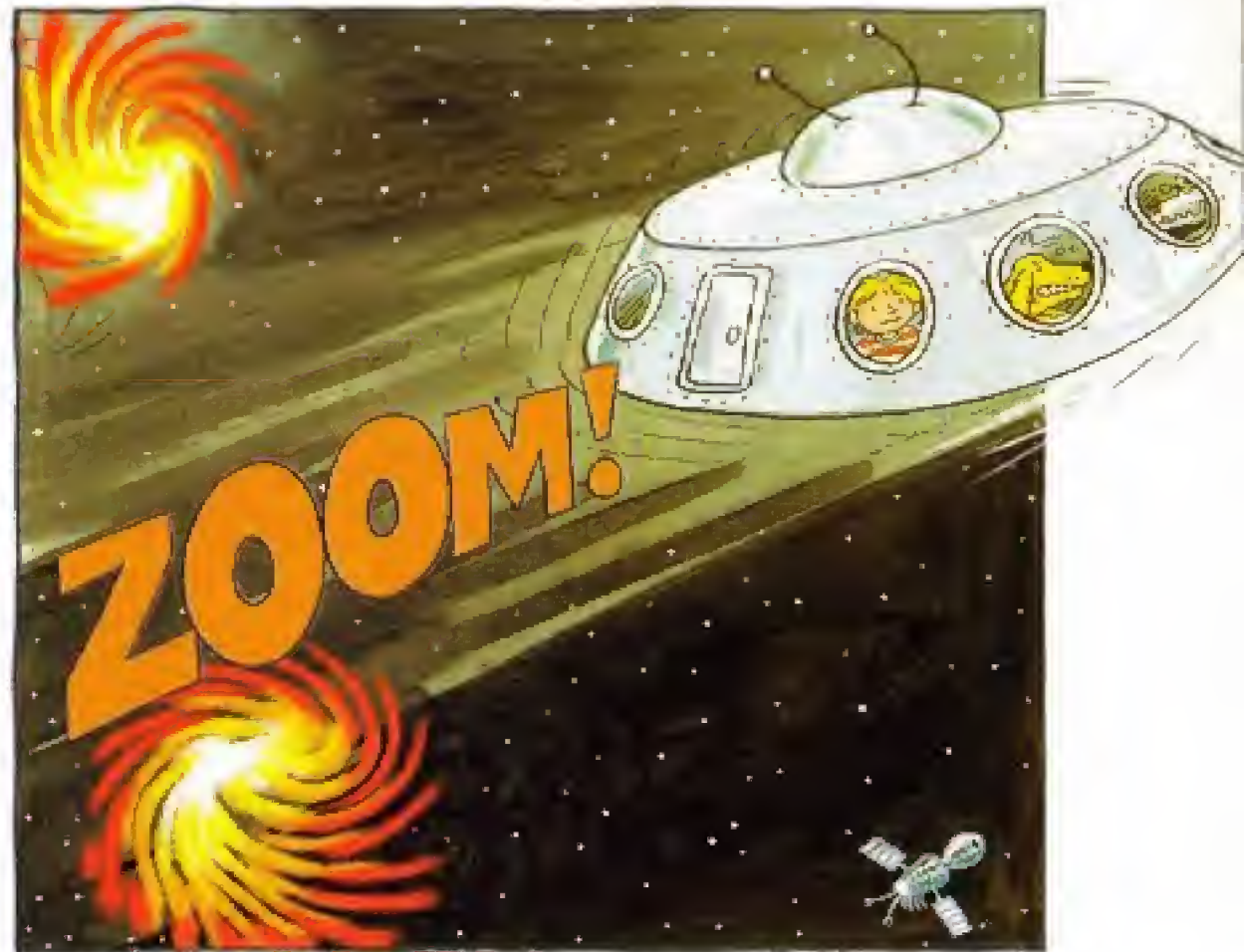
Floppy saw a very big fireball.
It was going to hit them!



"Help!" said Floppy.
"We're in danger!" said Zog.
"I don't know what to do."



"I know what to do," said Floppy.
"I can fly the spaceship."



ZOOM! Floppy flew the
spaceship out of danger.
"Phew! Just in time," he said.



“Well done, Space Dog Floppy,”
said Zig. “You saved us!”

Think about the story



Why did
Floppy dream
about space?



How did Floppy
feel about being
in space?



Why did Floppy
have to take control of the
spaceship? How did he know
what to do?



Where do
spaceships go in
space? Where would
you like to go?

A Maze

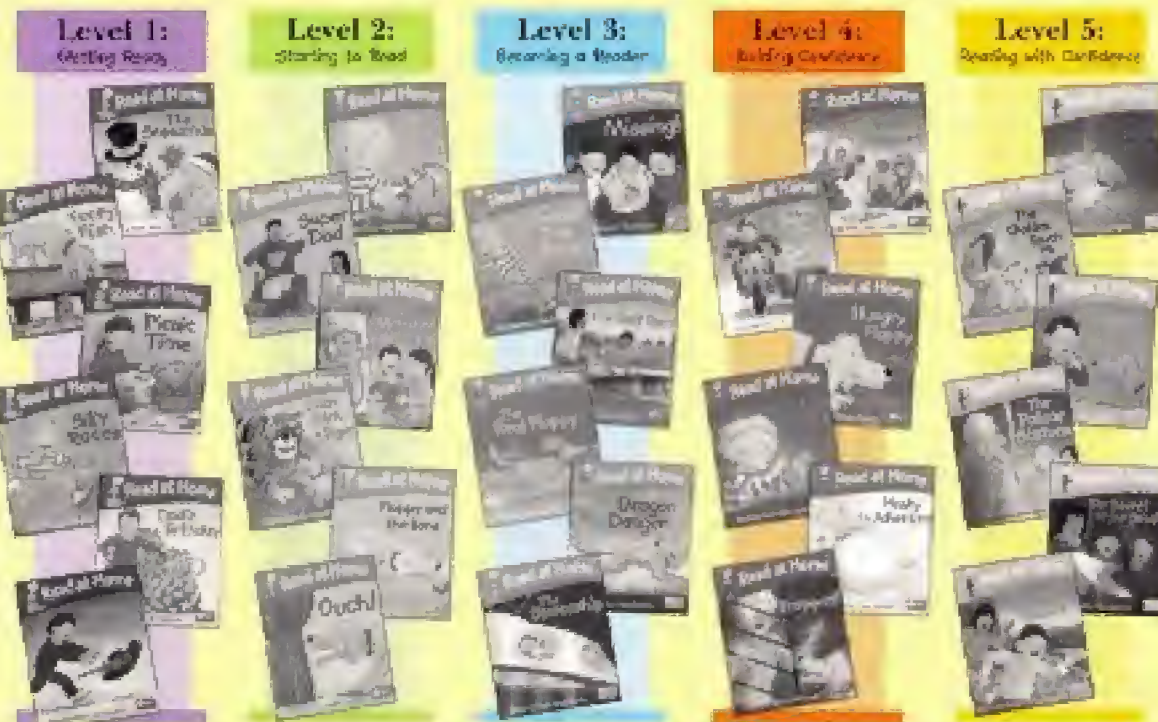
Help the spaceship find its way through the fireballs to the Earth.



Useful common words repeated in this story and other books at Level 3.

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Names in this story: Kipper Floppy Zig Zog

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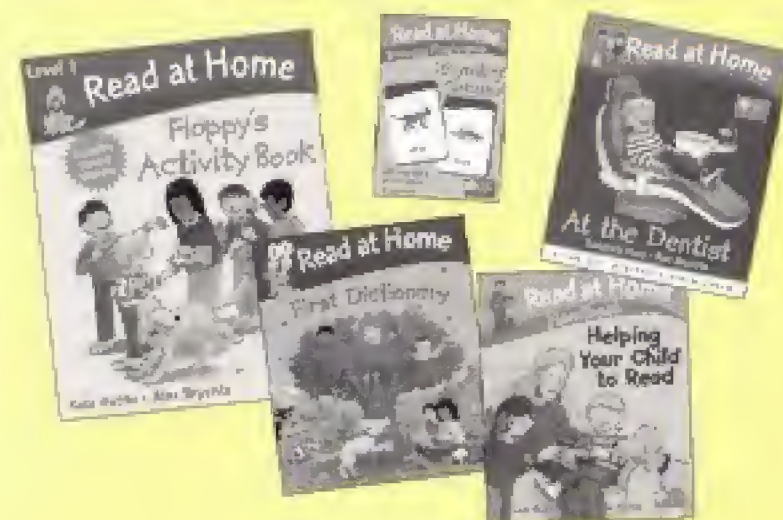
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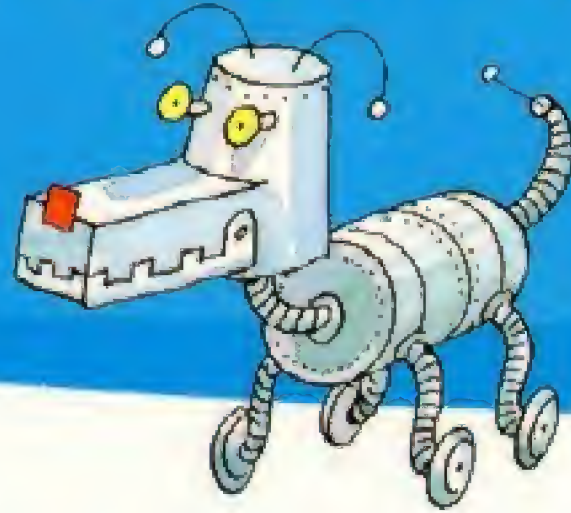
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Level 3: Becoming a Reader

For children who:

- can recognise 10-20 words by sight
- can read simple sentences
- know all the initial letter sounds



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